Daily Post, dated 3rd March 1927,
Vrittanta Patrike, dated 10th March 1927,
Sadhvi, dated 25th March 1927,
Wealth of Mysore, dated 26th March 1927,
Visvakarnataka, dated 27th March 1927,
Kanteerava, dated 29th March 1927,
Visvabandhu, dated 22nd April 1927 ;

(*b*) whether it is true that the Visvakarmas have been petitioning Government in this matter from 25th January 1924 and 5th February 1924 ;

(*c*) whether they have perused the articles in question by reference to papers referred to in (*a*);

(*d*) whether they are prepared to encourage the Visvakarma community by guaranteeing certain seats in the Legislative Council just as they have done in the case of the Mohammedan and Christian communities ;

(*e*) whether in view of the furtherance of the request in (*d*) they will kindly nominate a person belonging to the Visvakarma community on the occurrence of a casual vacancy in the present Legislative Council.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT.—

A.—59. (*a*) to (*c*)Government have perused some of the articles in question.

The present constitution of the Legislative Council does not admit of such a guarantee.

(*e*) This question does not arise in view of reply to (*d*)

MR. S. V. GURUMURTHIACHARYA—(Minority Interest).—

Q.—60. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the total population of Adikarnatakas, Christians, Europeans, Mahommedans and Visvakarmas (Panchalas) in the State according to the Census ;

(2) how many in each of them are educated;

(3) how many in each of them are in Government service.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—60. (1) and (2) The Census Tables of 1921 (Mysore) may be referred to.

(3) The information is furnished below on the basis of the latest available statistics:—

Adikarnatakas	.. 279	(including Adidravidas and other depressed classes)

Christians	.. 519	
Europeans	.. 48	(including Anglo-Indians)
Mahomedans	.. 1,887	(including teachers of Urdu Schools)
Visvakarmas (Panchalas)	..	Separate figures not available as Panchalas are included in other caste Hindus.

N.B.—The figures given above represent only the number on the ministerial establishments of the several departments and offices of Government and do not include the Gazetted staff and the establishments of the Local Bodies (District Boards and Municipal Councils).